

Exhibit 4: Timber Cove HOA Meeting Synopsis and Outline

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 22, 2008

TO: Todd Holmes, Park Planning Manager

FROM: Steve Ehret, Park Planner

SUBJECT: Timber Cove Home Owners Association Board Meeting

On September 20, 2008 I attended the September board meeting of the Timber Cove Home Owner's Association Meeting held at the Fort Ross School. I made a 30 minute presentation about the proposed trail study between Fort Ross State Historic Park and Stillwater Cove Regional Park that included distributing a project location map and a project outline (attached), explaining the project, and a question and answer segment. In attendance were both the outgoing and incoming Timber Cove HOA Board members and 2 guests presenting on another issue for a total audience of 12-13 people.

The proposal was warmly received. Comments included:

- Use the Coastal Community Project Email List for information distribution. This email list covers the area from Russian Gulch to Stewart's Point.
- The trail will improve access for emergency responders for fire incidents.
- If there was a safe trail, Timber Cove residents would use it all the time and would appreciate it.
- Several people, particularly motorcyclists, die each year on one particular curve in Timber Cove.

Specific questions included:

- Q: Will the trail be paved?
 - A: Undetermined. We will study the surfacing options once we understand the constraints such as resources, safety, topography, etc. I provided examples of when and why we will pave a trail versus examples when and why we won't.
- Q: Can we [County/Caltrans] put up speed limit signs to slow traffic through Timber Cove?
 - A: We will study how traffic speeds impact trail safety as part of the trail study. Quite possibly the speed limit signs will be a part of the trail project.
- Q: Can we put up "no air brake" signs for trucks in order to decrease their noise?
 - A: Not sure. Please make this comment during the scoping meeting and we will study it.

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- Q: Other than getting the word out about the project, is there any way we [Timber Cove HOA Board] can help?
 - A: Your local experience, particularly with traffic and safety issues. Many accidents and close calls are never recorded. This information is very important for us to fully understand the safety issues. In addition, any ideas about how to make the project work and background on specific issues will be very helpful.
- Q: Will we be working with the local Native Americans?
 - A: Yes. We will be working with Kashia Rancheria and going through a consultation process. We will be conducting a cultural resource study for the project area.
- Q: What is the minimum trail width?
 - A: The minimum trail width for this trail project is undetermined, but in general can be as narrow as 4 feet wide in topographical pinch points or as wide as 8 feet for a Caltrans Class 1 bikeways. We prefer a wider path to allow for passing, but that is not always feasible. The minimum width is the width needed to make it disabled accessible.
- Q: Will eminent domain be used to acquire right of way that is needed for the project?
 - A: No option is off the table; however, it is our Department's strong preference to only work with willing sellers. Sonoma County Regional Parks has rarely used eminent domain in a hostile way [provided a differentiation between hostile condemnation, clearing title, and "friendly condemnation"].
- Q: A Timber Cove resident, Donna Riley, wants to speak to our department about additional work needed in the Stillwater Cove Regional Park fire break and wanted to know who to follow-up with.
 - A: I will follow-up and get the question to the right person in our Department to contact Ms. Riley.

I have established one point of contact, Tina Romeo, for communicating with the Timber Cove Homeowner's Association Board. I told the Board that they probably won't be hearing from us for several months, until they receive a funding notification for the Coastal Conservancy meeting. I encouraged them to contact me in the meantime if they have any questions.

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cc: Elizabeth Tyree, Department Analyst

Attachments:

- Timber Cove Coastal Trail Feasibility Study Project Location Map 9/20/08
- Timber Cove Coastal Trail Project Outline 9/20/08



TIMBER COVE CALIFORNIA COASTAL TRAIL PROJECT

Project Outline

September 20, 2008



Greetings & Agency Introduction

- Sonoma County Regional Parks Department is lead agency
- State Coastal Conservancy is the proposed primary project funder
- Caltrans is mandated to assist Coastal Trail improvements
- Other entities will be coordinated with, including State Parks

Project Introduction

- Highway 1 Corridor to create a safe trail alignment
- Fort Ross Historic State Park to Stillwater Cove Regional Park

Project Purpose

- Improve safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists
- Close this 2.4 mile gap along on the California Coastal Trail – 1200 miles

Project Scope

- Survey work – identify Caltrans right-of-way
- Traffic safety analysis – line-of-sight, crossings, and other issues
- Evaluate the usefulness of existing Offer-To-Dedicate trail easements
- Community Involvement & Public Outreach Process
 - 3 public meetings – Scoping, Alternatives, Preferred Project
 - Outreach to specific entities, such as the property owners with offers to dedicate
- Coordination with other agencies
- Special studies, such as biological resource, wetland, and cultural resource studies, for any of the impacted areas along the route.
- Prepare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document

Preliminary Timeline

- Upcoming Grant Funding Notification – potentially December 2008
- Scoping Meeting & community outreach process: Late winter – spring 2009
- 2nd Public Meeting: summer – fall 2009
- Special Studies & 3rd Public Meeting – unknown, too many variables

Conclusion

- Initial Timber Cove HOA Board feedback